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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97-1.98, Applicant hereby calls the following documents to the Examiner's attention:

U.S. Patent No. 5,170,205 to SATOH et al., issued December 8, 1992;

U.S. Patent No. 4,978,981 to SATOH et al., issued December 18, 1990; and

U.S. Patent No. 5,978,610 to AOKI, issued November 2, 1999.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider and cite the above documents. Copies of the above-noted documents are attached, and have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the

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Form to the Applicants with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

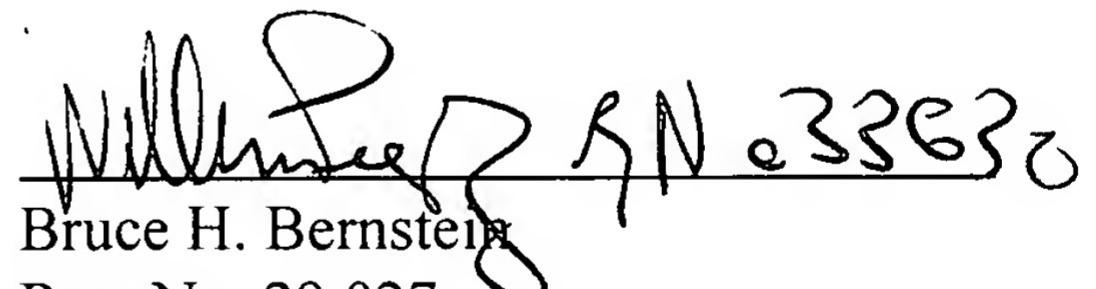
Applicants also bring to the Examiner's attention the following copending, commonly assigned U.S. Patent application:

U.S. Patent Application No. 09/617,098 to Koichi SATO, filed July 14, 2000, and entitled "Exposure Controller of a Digital Camera"

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2)(iii), a copy of the above-noted U.S. Patent application, as filed, is attached hereto. However, the Examiner is invited to obtain and review the file of the above-noted application and review the references, if any, of record cited therein.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
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